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C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 0161

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT CH  
SUBJ: LEADERSHIP RANKINGS

REF: HONG KONG 0311

1. THE JANUARY 12 NCNA REPORT ON PRC LEADERSHIP TURNOUT TO  
RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCES ON  
METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION  
LISTED ALL POLITBURO MEMBERS IN THE USUAL STROKE ORDER.  
OF THOSE ATTENDING, KENG PIAO WAS THEREFORE LISTED LAST  
AMONG THE FULL POLITBURO MEMBERS.

2. THIS LEADS US TO SUSPECT THAT PLACEMENT OF  
KENG PIAO'S NAME AHEAD OF ULANFU'S AT THE JANUARY 5  
INTERMENT CEREMONY AT PAPAOSHAN FOR YEN PAO-HANG REFLECTS  
CIRCUMSTANCES SPECIFIC TO THAT GATHERING RATHER THAN A  
NEW RANK ORDERING (REFTEL). FOR REASONS BEST KNOWN TO  
THE LIST-MAKERS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ULANFU IS REGARDED  
NOT AS A POLITBURO MEMBER BUT AS A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. HENCE HE, CHEN YUN, AND  
TENG YING-CHAO, ALL NPC VICE CHAIRMEN, ARE PLACED  
BEHIND KENG PIAO. LISTING OF SOONG CHING LING,  
ANOTHER NPC VICE CHAIRMAN, AHEAD OF KENG PIAO IS IN  
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KEEPING WITH USUAL PRACTICE -- SPECIAL DEFERENCE ON SUCH  
OCCASIONS HAS ALWAYS BEEN PAID THE WIDOW OF SUN YAT SEN.  
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